

Will Try to Keep Off Fight.
Columbus, O., May 21.—On high authority it is stated that Dr. Henry E. Dosker, chairman of the standing committee on temperance in the Presbyterian general assembly has determined to make an unusual move in hope of keeping out of the fight now on. He will return the overture referred to his committee on this question back to the origin committee—the committee on bills and overtures. The overture that is causing the row is to the effect that the church temperance should be conducted, and recommends that the church give hearty support to the anti-saloon league.

Killed at Negro Ball Game.
New Orleans, La., May 21.—G. C. Richardson, a plantation overseer, was shot and killed while watching a negro baseball game in Jefferson parish Sunday. A negro named Lewis was killed while trying to support the dying overseer, and Jesse Clark, the negro who did the shooting, made his escape to this city, where he has not yet been captured. Richardson and a few white men forcibly upbraided a negro woman for her actions at the game, when Clark began shooting. The overseer and his companions returned the fire.

Hotels Refused Negro Delegates.
Seattle, Wash., May 21.—Seattle negroes met Sunday and passed resolutions asking negro bishops and delegates to the Christian Endeavor convention to be held here this summer, to stay away from the convention and the city. One of the hotels of this city recently refused to reserve accommodations for the negro delegates with the white delegates. The Christian Endeavor entertainment committee refused to interfere with the ruling of the hotels, and the action of the negroes is the result.

Increase in Wages Requested.
Lowell, Mass., May 21.—The Lowell Textile Council voted at a special meeting Sunday to request an increase in wages of 10 per cent in all of the seven great cotton mills in the city, including the Lawrence, Tremont and Suffolk, Merrimac, Boott, Appleton, Massachusetts and Hamilton mills. It is understood that the action was unanimous. Nearly 20,000 operatives are concerned in the demand.

Italian Trackmen Strike.
New Haven, Conn., May 21.—Nearly 5,000 Italian trackmen employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford on all divisions on the road, went on strike Monday, as the result of the roads refusing their demand for a 10 per cent increase in their present wages of \$1.50 a day. It is said that the strike will extend from New York to Boston.

Dr. Sankey Dead.
Rochester, N. Y., May 21.—The Rev. Dr. James Patterson Sankey, aged 68, died Monday in his home in this city. Dr. Sankey was born in Londonderry, O., and was the oldest pastor in point of service in Rochester, having been connected with the United Presbyterian church for forty-one years. He retired from active ministry June 30, 1905.

Combat Errors of Social Democrats.
Hamburg, May 21.—The Fatherland Labor League, consisting of thirty-seven labor organizations, was organized here Sunday for the purpose of combatting the errors of social democracy. Telegrams expressing warm sympathy with the object of the league were received from Emperor William and Prince Von Buelow.

Cold Blooded Animals.
The so called cold blooded animals vary from the warm blooded in the particular that their blood changes temperature in accordance with their surroundings. The temperature of a fish will be almost exactly the same as that of the water around it, possibly one or two degrees higher. A snake's temperature is higher in summer than in winter, the average being 82 degrees. A bird's average temperature is 107. The average temperature of the mammals is 101 degrees.

Confided in Her.
Her Mother—Does your husband take you into his confidence regarding his business affairs? Young Wife—Oh, yes; he did so only this morning. When I asked him to let me have \$50 for a new gown he said he was very sorry, but business was so bad just now he couldn't possibly do it.—Chicago News.

How Odd.
Joakley—Queer thing about that tall man over there. All his intimate friends call him "Short." Poakley—Ah, just for a joke, I suppose? Joakley—Not because that's his name.—Chicago News.

SHORTHAND.
The Quality That Appears to Be Lacking in All Systems.
The fatality of all systems of shorthand is that what seems easy to the eye of filial piety may be terribly difficult to the cold gaze of a stranger. Of the innumerable systems of shorthand that were the vogue a century ago how many survive today? asks a London writer. Fame and fortune still await the man or woman who can invent a system that will appeal to the reader as effectively as to the original writer. Perhaps if we were to rediscover the lost shorthand writing of the ancient Romans we might find ourselves on the road toward a solution of the problem.
For the Romans were on affectionate terms with shorthand. Did not Suetonius, speaking of Caligula, express surprise that an emperor of so many promising parts should nevertheless be an ignoramus in shorthand, and did not Titus Vespasianus pride himself on his facility in the use of stenography both for business and amusement? So fond was he of the sport that he delighted to gather his amanuenses around him in order that they should tilt against each other in the stenographic field. It may be that but for the rediscovery of the art in England toward the end of the sixteenth century the curious Popyes would not have been moved to write his diary.

VENEZUELA.
Beauty of the Country and the Impression It Leaves.
The beauty of the country is the first and the most lasting impression. To catch glimpses at every turn in the valleys of cloudy peaks, or when on the mountain side to see through the limpid air valley after valley between the protecting hills, to breathe this pure air, to know that summer is almost perpetual—he is only half a man who does not for a moment forget the needs of civilization in the intoxication of primitive nature. The loveliness of Venezuela is something different from that of the Andean ranges farther west and south. It is more tropical, and the mountains do not rise to the height in which the senses are stilled by grandeur, nor is there found so near the equator that ruggedness or gloom of solemnity which is one feature of the Rockies. It is a beauty of more human type, which can be enjoyed most when we know that man has his abode there. The Andes, the Alps or the Rockies are bold and austere. They need no life. Life is not meant for them. But such contrasts and changes as are constantly presented to the eye in these softened landscapes are more exquisite when man is pottering about on the surface trying to imagine that he is of some real importance on the earth.—Reader Magazine.

Before the Bar.
The terms "admitted to the bar" and "before the bar" are of English origin. The "bar" in question is the barrier or railing which separates the judge and the other officers of the court from the rest of the courtroom. In earlier days the parties to a suit presented themselves before this bar, accompanied by their counsel. A lawyer, after keeping the required number of terms at the Inns of court and passing a satisfactory examination, was then entitled to appear before the bar on behalf of a client, or, in other words, he was "admitted to the bar." The English word "barrister" suggests the technical meaning of this word.—Scrap Book.

Snake Worship.
Python worship or the worship of snake gods is still practiced in parts of the west coast of Africa. In Dahomey and Ashanti there are temples where pythons are kept to receive the adoration of the people. The snakes are not confined to the precincts of the temples. Small holes are left in the inclosing wall, through which they pass and sometimes make themselves very much at home in the houses of the people. When a stray snake is found word is sent to the temple, the priests come and with many apologies to his snakeship pick him up and carry him back home.

To Be Exact.
"Jane," asked Mrs. Hiram Offen, "are the eggs boiling?"
"Most assuredly not, madam," replied the new servaat, lately from Boston, "but I may safely say the water in which the eggs are immersed is."—Philadelphia Press.

The Change.
"You certainly look better. You must have followed my advice and had a change."
"Yes, doctor, so I have."
"Where did you go?"
"I went to another physician."

Wouldn't Waste Time.
An assumed critic on etiquette says an invitation to dine should be accepted the same day. Any chump knows that much. We'd have an answer in the postoffice within ten minutes.—Yates Center (Kan.) News.

Fighting For Fire.
A great ceremony in Jerusalem is on Easter Saturday, and commemorates the ancient tradition of the celestial fire that was said to rise from the tomb of Christ. The Greek patriarch enters the sanctuary of the sepulcher, the door closes behind him, and the surging, tossing, tumultuous multitude await the coming of the fire. Suddenly out of the right hand window in the wall of the sepulcher shoot flames of fire, and in an instant every one of the thousands has produced a candle and dashes madly forward to light it at the mystic fire. The light thus taken from the holy sepulcher is instantly carried to all the Christian villages round about Jerusalem, and fleet footed young men vie with one another in being first to light their local shrines with the divine flame. The writer has seen two rival runners put down their candles and indulge in a sanguinary battle with knives and sticks until the light of one of them is put out. There is no joke meant here, but each is striving desperately to extinguish the flame of the other.—Travel Magazine.

A New Orleans Dish.
The greatest, the most toothsome and sustaining of all dishes is the gombo file one encounters in New Orleans—not at public eating houses, but in private residences. It is a strange yet halcyon compound of five different ingredients, each cooked separately and afterward joined in a most delectable and fragrant mess. There are fried chicken, broiled bacon, stewed oysters, peppers and smothered onions, all prepared with unutterable skill. These one by one are emptied into a pot of most celestial "stock," and then when the conglomeration is complete for service the presiding genius of the kitchen pours into the ecstatic confection a shower of fine green dust—the powdered leaf of the sassafras—and there you have a plate that would have made Lucullus gasp in simple wonder. There is none like it nor shall be till our summers are deceased.—New York Sun.

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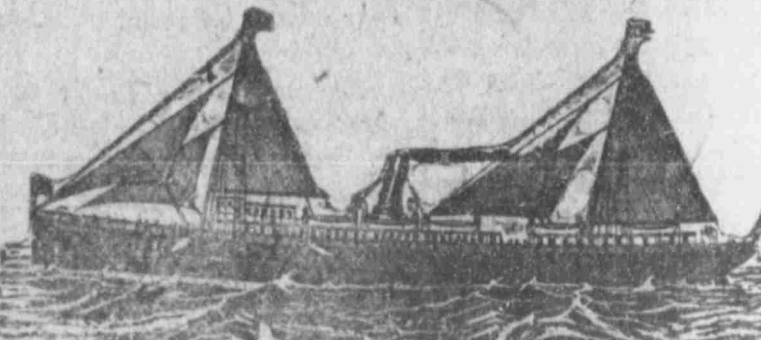
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